Grant-in-aid to Visha Vaidyasalas.

461. ✻ **MR. K. MAHOMED** (*Alwaye*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the conditions under which grant is given to *Visha Vaidyasalas* and Ayurvedic Dispensaries attached to them ;

(*b*) whether there is any such recognised institution in Edappalli or Alwaye ;

(*c*) how long it is since recognition was given to the *Visha Vaidyasala* at Edappalli and the Ayurvedic Dispensary attached to it ;

(*d*) how many times the public of Edappalli and the *Visha Vaidyan*, M. Raman Vaidyan, himself petitioned to the Government praying for grant being given to any of the institutions mentioned above ;

(*e*) whether any financial aid is being granted to the *Visha Vaidyasala* or the Dispensary attached to it ; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*e*) is in the negative, the reason for not granting financial help to these Ayurvedic institutions ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Examination qualification, heredity, experience, popularity and success in the profession of the *Vaidyans* are reckoned as the general guiding principles for the award of grants to *Visha Vaidyasalas*.

(*b*) Yes ; there is a recognised *Visha Vaidyasala* at Edappalli.

(*c*) Recognition was given to the *Visha Vaidyasala* in Kanni 1104. The Ayurvedic Dispensary attached to it has no recognition.

(*d*) More than once.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) The *Vaidyan* concerned has no special merit as a *Visha-vaidyan*. Further there is already a grant-in-aid *Vaidyasala* at Edappalli conducted by a qualified *Vaidyan* of about 35 years' standing and experience within a distance of about half a mile from the institution in question.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know what the qualifications in general of *Vishavaidyans* are ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : There is a *Visha Vaidya Visarada* Examination instituted by the Government. A pass in that examination will be a qualification.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Are all the *Visha Vaidyans* who receive grant-in-aid duly qualified ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No ; all of them have not passed that examination.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know whether the Government have prescribed any examination for the *Visha Vaidyans* in the State ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I said, Sir, that there is the *Visha Vaidya Visarada* Examination.

PRESIDENT : He has already answered that question, and he has given the long name of that examination.

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MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : May I know what was the criterion by which Government came to the decision that the *Visha Vaidyan* at Edappalli does not deserve grant-in-aid ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The answer is already given in part (*f*). The man concerned has no special merit as a *Visha Vaidyan*.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Is it not because of the real merit of the *Visha Vaidyan* at Edappalli that the public requested the Government to give him grant-in-aid ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : It may or may not be so ; but the question was examined by the Inspector of Ayurveda ; he made the necessary enquiries and came to the conclusion that the *Visha Vaidyan* concerned had no special merit to deserve a grant-in-aid.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*) : Can the existence of a grant-in-aid *Visha Vaidyasala* be a hindrance to any grant-in-aid *Vaidyasala* close by ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K. MAHOMED (*Alwaye*): Will the Government be pleased to reconsider the question ?

PRESIDENT : No.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : Are examinations in *Visha Vaidyan* being held year after year ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) ; I do not think so.

MR. A. EASWARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam II*) : When was it last held ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Have the Government received, from the present *Vaidyan*, any statement showing the number of cases treated and cured every year ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. K P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Has the Ayurveda Director received any such statement ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice I have to enquire.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Is it not usual on the part of the *Vaidyans* to send up such statements ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) ; Statements might have been received by the Inspector of Ayurveda and he might have made the necessary enquiries about them before coming to a conclusion.

MR. K. P. KRISHNA MENON (*Parur*) : Have the Government any idea as to the number of cases treated during the last two years ?

RAO BAHADUR DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No, Sir.

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